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Response dated May 20, 2005  
Reply to Office Action dated February 24, 2005  
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Applicants : Shawn D. Bush  
Filed : September 29, 2003  
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Art Unit : 3751  
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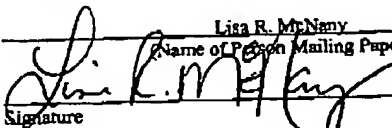
**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
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